

# Western and Southern Football Teams Were Excelled by the East in Majority of Games

## EAST STANDS SUPREME AS RECORDS FOR 1922 GRIDIRON SEASON SHOW

Eleven Representing This Sector Won or Tied Majority of Battles Played With West and South. California Ranked Fourth

By STONEY MCLINN

INTERSECTIONALLY speaking, the East stands supreme in football! In the course of the 1922 season eleven representing our sector played important games with top-notchers from West and South. In every battle save one that served to give a line on our gridiron strength the East won or tied.

Princeton won the mythical championship, so far as goes the judgment of this tyrist of football news and comment. Cornell was a close—very close—second in the ranking. The Tigers beat Chicago, an even that held its own in the Western Conference. Although Stagg's team was held to a scoreless tie by Wisconsin in the final battle, no sincere critic will deny that Chicago had power, versatility and courage that compared with that of any team in the country.

Nebraska, which team landed the Missouri Valley Conference title, also visited the East and lost to Syracuse at Kansas, one of the West's powerful elevens, was defeated by the Army 13-0. Notre Dame played West Point a 0-0 tie and defeated Carnegie Tech 10-13. In fact, Coach Knauer's lads would have ranked much higher had they not lost their final game to Nebraska.

Iowa, it is true, beat Yale 6-0 and displayed football ability and strength by winning all her Western Conference battles. In our ranking the Hawkeyes got third place. Although they scored a touchdown on the Elis, which the Tigers did not, it is an opinion, which may be taken for what it is worth, that either Princeton or Cornell would have liked Iowa. In fact, when you are dealing with the mythical grid, whatever may be written is an opinion, and while one man's may be better than that of another, who can tell? We have no quarrel with those who think otherwise, either in the matter of our solution of Princeton over Cornell or our statement that both the Tigers and Ithacans are superior to any team that stood high in the West.

FROM the South came Center, Georgia Tech, Auburn and Alabama. Eleven that rank high down that way. Harvard beat the Praying Colonels 24-10. Navy blanked the Golden Tornado 13-0. Army got a 19-16 verdict over Auburn. Alabama alone won 7-7, but the over-confidence and indifference of Penn beat them more than the strength and gridiron tactics of the Southerners.

### Penn's Team Second to None in Spirit

IT NO way is it possible to determine where California should stand in the ranking, but if the Pacific Coast champions played either Princeton or Cornell our money would go down on the teams representing the East. We might lose—though we don't think we would—but we would be assured a battle that would be entirely satisfactory.

Right here, also, we want to declare that our ranking is chiefly based on comparative scores. Penn's fighting eleven, at the top of its development, might have licked any team in the world—perhaps would have done so. It is no discredit to the Quakers to be placed so far down the line in this ranking; if spirit and courage alone were considered, the Red and Blue would be at or very near the top.

Because Princeton, Cornell, Iowa and California won all their games, we ranked them in the order named. Now it is proposed to consider other elevens that had a fine record on the gridiron. First are West Virginia, Army and Michigan, teams that were tied but escaped defeat.

West Virginia, coached by Tully Spears, was a great team and traveled through a hard schedule with only a 12-12 tie in the game with Washington and Lee to mar its list. Victories over Pittsburgh, 9-6; Rutgers, 28-0; Indiana, 33-0, and Virginia, 13-0, and the final triumph over W. and J., 14-0, proved the class of the Mountaineers. They got fifth place.

Army is placed sixth because they tackled elevens far and wide, escaped defeat and came through with a magnificent win over their traditional rivals from the Navy to provide a climax for their grid campaign. A team that ties Yale and Notre Dame, beats Kansas and Auburn and five other more or less capable elevens, and then outgates the Annapolis Middies, is entitled to be seriously considered in ranking the teams, and one might not go far wrong if he stood the West Pointers just below Princeton and Cornell.

Michigan had a great team. Eastern fans did not see them this season, but their impressive victories in Conference battles stamp Yost's men as game and bright gridiron players. The Wolverine were tied by Vanderbilt. Therefore they cannot expect to be given the highest honors in an all-country mythical ranking. We put them below six other teams—in seventh place—because, while we didn't see them play, we do not believe they would beat any of the elevens given the first six places. And that's that.

IT IS a peculiar fact that among the big teams that played really hard schedules we do not find one that won all games except one. Syracuse, Notre Dame and Chicago each was defeated once and tied. However, we feel that at this point we must depart somewhat from the actual records of the teams and endeavor to measure them on what they did in important games.

### Pitt Defeated Twice

PITTSBURGH lost two games, their conquerors being Lafayette by 7-0 and West Virginia by 0-43. However, Pittsburgh owns new in our championship list because of the 21-14 victory over Syracuse, that 7-6 win over Penn and the 14-0 triumph over Penn State, not to mention the 7-0 bump of Bucknell.

Syracuse, with the defeat by Pittsburgh and 0-0 ties with Penn State and Brown, the only black marks on its stiff schedule, gets the next position, seventh. Chicago, beaten by Princeton and tied by Wisconsin, stands tenth. Notre Dame, licked by Nebraska and held to a scoreless tie by the Army, is entitled to eleventh place.

Now we come to teams that might have earned higher places but certainly would not ask them in view of what happened. First is Lafayette, a team that won hard games with Pitt, Bucknell, Boston College, Rutgers and Lehigh. The 14-13 victory that W. and J. got over Lafayette's Easterners might not count so heavily, but the fact remains that Lafayette did not have the same old driving power in the game with Lehigh, which was won by the narrow margin of a field goal, and then lost to Georgetown last Saturday 13-7. Lafayette was due to stand at or near the top of the list this year, but frankly he finish makes it impossible, in our opinion, to place her ahead of any of the eleven teams previously ranked.

Penn gets the thirteenth rung on the ladder. The Quakers had enough fight to beat the Navy and Penn State and in scoring power were as good as Pitt, each eleven getting a touchdown—Warner's team got the try-for-point and Heisman's kicker failed. And there was no disgrace attached to that 9-0 defeat at the hands of Cornell.

The Navy, victorious over Penn State, Georgia Tech and Bucknell, came two croppers, both on Franklin Field, being downed by Penn and the Army. Therefore, while we liked the fighting spirit and attacking strength of Folwell's Middies, they could not be put higher than fourteenth, in our opinion.

Harvard, because she beat Centre and Yale, is given the fifteenth place, although she lost to Brown 3-0 and Princeton 10-3. The Crimson did not look one atom superior to any of the elevens found ahead of it in the ranking. Yale, beaten by Iowa, Harvard and Princeton, gets sixteenth position. The Elis had the strength and some good plays and might have been among the top teams save for the puzzling something that was lacking in their big games.

BROWN, having held Syracuse to a 0-0 tie and having defeated Harvard 3-0, is in seventeenth position despite reverses in games with Yale and Dartmouth. The Providence gridders had a good defense and played smart football. Centre, ranked next, lost only two games, those to Harvard and Auburn, but the two were the most important fights on the schedule of the Praying Colonels.

### W. and J. a Disappointment

WASHINGTON and JEFFERSON was a team that disappointed its followers for some unknown reason, trying Carnegie Tech and beating Lafayette, only to lose to Pitt, Detroit and West Virginia. Penn State, too, with a reconstructed backfield, tied Syracuse and gave Penn a hard fight, score 7-6, but lost to Navy and Pitt.

Space will not permit a more lengthy analysis of the season's play of the leading teams. However, we have carefully studied the gridiron campaign of all the teams that entered into the intersectional competition and have ranked them not alone on what they actually accomplished, but on what they did in important and traditional battles. In each instance the schedule was given serious consideration. Here they are:

1. Princeton; 2. Cornell; 3. Iowa; 4. California; 5. West Virginia; 6. Army; 7. Michigan; 8. Pitt; 9. Syracuse; 10. Chicago; 11. Notre Dame; 12. Lafayette; 13. Pennsylvania; 14. Navy; 15. Harvard; 16. Yale; 17. Brown; 18. Centre; 19. Washington and Jefferson; 20. Penn State; 21. Colgate; 22. Dartmouth; 23. Bucknell; 24. Georgia Tech; 25. Georgetown.

AMONG the teams not mentioned and which played jam-up football are Franklin and Marshall, Gettysburg, Swarthmore, Dickinson, and Haverford. However, because their schedules did not measure up to the standard of the leading teams, they cannot be ranked. For other good reasons, they cannot be ranked.

## JACKSON THROUGH IN BOXING WORLD

Willie's Star in Ring Dims With Knockout Score by Johnny Shugrue

HAS HAD A GREAT RECORD

By LOUIS H. JAFFE

ANOTHER field star, which has been dimming for about a year finally has set with the knockout suffered by Willie Jackson in Jersey City Monday night at the walls of Johnny Shugrue.

After nearly a dozen years in the ring, during which time he loomed as one of the greatest and hardest hitting lightweights in the game, Jackson is through—the has reached the end of his artistic rope, but it probably will take several more decisive defeats before he himself will be convinced that it is time to hang up the mittens.

Jackson's record so badly—he was in such poor shape and so fatigued at the finish of the tenth round that he was unable to leave his corner for the technical knockout which gave Shugrue a victory.

But in his dressing room after the match, according to Willis Britt, of this city, Jackson said that the bout should not have been stopped—that he would have finished the scheduled twelve rounds.

Willie's Friday Night

Furthermore, Jackson has no intention of retiring. "I have a match with Sailor Byron up in New England Friday night," Willie told Willis, "and I'm going through with that match. I can prove in that bout I am far from being a weakling."

But Jackson should be prevailed upon to retire. In his last match in Philadelphia he was only a shell of his former self and, had Johnny Mealy followed up a punch to Willie's body in the New Yorker probably would have been knocked out.

Were Jackson to quit the ring now he would go down in boxing history as a lightweight with a great record. Only twice has Willie been defeated decisively and neither time was he counted out. In this city in 1916 Jackson, then a mere kid, was dropped several times by Champion Johnny Kilbane and the bout was stopped. The victory of Shugrue was the only other technical knockout scored against him.

Jackson sprang a knockout over-night in Philadelphia early in 1917. He surprised the boxing world when he knocked out Johnny Dundee, who until that time had never been counted out. Dundee was put to sleep in less than a minute of the first round with a terrific right to the jaw.

It is said that after his bout with Dundee he was going to get a son's career and the training of his front fight of lightweights until his star began to flicker about a year ago.

Never Met Champion Leonard

During his career in the limelight Jackson met all of the top-notch 135-pounders with the exception of Champion Leonard. Leonard was one of the biggest money-getters in the game for about five years, between 1917 and 1921.

Frank Bagley, who discovered Jackson, trained him and gradually brought him into big league competition, saw the handwriting on the wall several months ago.

### SPHAS' REGULARS WILL ALL OPOSE MEDIA FIVE

Downowners Hope to Get Edge on Opponents in Series

The entire regular line-up of the South Philadelphia Hebrews will face the Philadelphia Gridders tomorrow night at Seventh street and Snyder avenue. Several of the recent defeats sustained by the Sphas were due to regular play during the week-end.

The Sphas and Media clashed four times last year, and each won two. The visitors have such stars as Davis, Aherm and Griscoon, the latter with Jaeger until last week. The Gridders, in the preliminary the Media reserves play here for the first time with the South Philadelphia Reserves. These clubs hold what is thought to be a record in basketball.

The locals have been at Media four times, and they have lost all the decisions in extra periods by a few points. The junior Sphas hope to hand the visitors a reverse. Yank Passon and Kravitz, who have been out for several weeks, will get back in the game.

### Scraps About Scrapper

Tommy Loughead and Sergeant Ray Smith will appear tonight in the feature exhibition of the night show to be held at the club for our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. Loughead is Harry Kid Brown, Joe Hagan vs. Spider Kelly, Eddie Harvey vs. Paty Wallace, Darby Casper vs. Johnny McLaughlin, Joe McGuire vs. Pat Marley, Young Mickey Gallagher vs. Earl Hartman and Bussy Walker vs. Young Douglas.

A heavyweight bout will be the headliner of the matches tonight at the Blue, Cobler Gillman will meet Jim Kelly, the champion. Nats Regal is paired with Danny Toy and Joe Lauber will face Roy Gillian.

Eddy Moorehead, latest English importation of Charlie Harvey, in a co-nepoch light-weight, Harvey is anxious to hand the British acquisition against any of the challengers for Benny Leonard's title.

Billy Cannon will be unable to box for about two weeks as the result of including his future Cannon will be handled by Johnny Fone. Blackie Perry is Billy's trainer.

Yeddy Leonard, Atlantic City fighter, is in New York and he is being handled there by Ed Lawson. Negotiations are on for a meeting between Leonard and Villa in the big city.

Benny Bass, Artie McCann and Benny Pascal, all members of the same stable, are to box at the Pennsylvania A. C. next Tuesday night. Bass will take on Cuddy De Marco in the star bout.

Eddie Harze has arranged three bouts at La La Temple for tonight. They are: Charley Finnerid vs. Sammy Hor, Young Steve vs. Dick Gotwell and Joe Vidal vs. Charley Verner.

## GOLF-PILL THEFTS URGE ACTION HERE

Local Pros Start Peppy Campaign to Arrest Offenders at Local Courses

PUBLIC COURSE OUTLET?

By SANDY MENTBLICK

GOLF fans in Philadelphia are highly bestirred, and there's a reason, outside the results of the game, this trip.

It seems that certain pro shops at links in this town have been more or less religiously pillaged and that a whole array of golf balls is missing. The stolen golf balls are being sold in this city's section, it is found, at the conclusion of the evening block. Conti and I have met on numerous occasions and we always have been bitter rivals. That undoubtedly accounts for my poor showing at the start. He beat me in New York, in the last match that I played in, and because of that I am especially anxious to turn the tables on him here.

My opponent complained of the table being slow, but I do not agree with him. I have played on many tables in this country and in all parts of Europe and I never played under better conditions than here.

With the unfinished run of 81 in the

## HOREMANS GETS JUMP ON CONTI, 600 TO 240

Belgian Billiard Champ Tells of Nervousness That Handicapped Him

GOT TOUCH LATER

By EDOUARD HOREMANS

Nervousness is a handicap that grips the majority of participants in billiard sport and I must say that it had the best of me yesterday afternoon when I started my 1800-point match against Roger Conti, champion of France, at the Hudson Recreation Parlor. I was shaking badly and it must have been noticeable to the spectators.

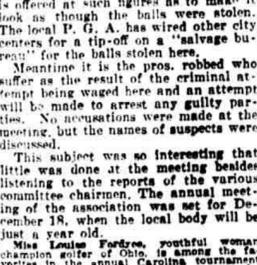
However, it did not take me long to find myself and I was leading Mr. Conti, 400 to 240, at the conclusion of the evening block. Conti and I have met on numerous occasions and we always have been bitter rivals. That undoubtedly accounts for my poor showing at the start. He beat me in New York, in the last match that I played in, and because of that I am especially anxious to turn the tables on him here.

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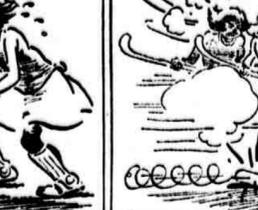


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WHAT DOES SHE MEAN WORK OUT? SAYS JIMMIE GIRISMUS TO SOME HARD THINKING.

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## How Does It Strike You?

Mack's Purchase Cobb's "Hit" Attacking Officials

By THE OBSERVER

IT LOOKS as if Connie Mack is out after a ball club for 1923. For the first time since he broke down his famous machine of almost a decade ago, the gaunt general is in the market with an open purse.

Down at the minor league meeting in Louisville yesterday, Mack closed a deal which brings Sammy Hale from Portland to this city and sends \$75,000 and players from Shibe Park to the Pacific Coast.

Hale is the third infielder of renown obtained by Mack since the close of the season. He purchased McCue from the Three Eye League and also closed with New Haven for Harry Riconda, who starred in 1922 in the Eastern League.

With Hauser, Dykes, Galloway and the incoming material, Mack is much closer to another great, young infield than he has been in seven years.

And the outfield—not so bad. There's Tilly Walker and Bing Miller with Wild Mathews sandwiched between them. Sherry Magee, former Phil who played in the American Association last year, says Mathews is a real ball player and Sherry knows a thing or two about ball players.

With an improved infield and a better outfield, Mack should get higher than seventh place even if he doesn't add to his pitching staff. Connie has a shining star in Ed Rommel. If he could dig up two others whose combined winnings would equal half of Rommel's returns, Philadelphia might be able to hold up its head in a baseball conversation.

WILLIAM F. BAKER, Phillies' president, also is in Louisville. Let's hope he also takes the strings off the bankroll.

The "Hit" That Gave Ty .400

THE official averages show that Ty Cobb hit .400 for the third time in his career. These figures will go down in the record books and they can never be changed.

It was through the grace of Ben Johnson that the renowned Georgian was given a better percentage than .400. An executive decision changed the figure from .390 to .401.

According to the official averages at the end of the season, Cobb had 210 hits, but he was awarded another by Big Ben so that his percentage would reach the previous .400 mark.

It was fine sentiment that prompted the president of the American League to this action. He wanted the Detroit veteran to gain his objective when he was so close, but such practice is not for the good of the game.

The official scorer gave Everett Scott an error instead of a hit for Cobb on the disputed play and the Baseball Writers' Association of America are planning to back their member against the move made by President Johnson.

If the league executive is going to overrule the official scorer whenever he pleases why have an official scorer. The difference between an infield hit and an error is a matter of individual opinion and every scorer favors the hitter as far as possible.

WE DOUBT if there is any one connected with baseball who is not glad to see Cobb credited with a .400 average, but the decision of the official scorer should be irrevocable.

Sportsmanship of the Spectators

HOOTINGS and jeers are raised in earnest protest against any display of poor sportsmanship on the athletic field. The spectators demand that athletes conduct themselves according to the ethics of fair play.

How about the same demands being made upon the spectators? In New York recently a judge at a boxing bout was assaulted after he had rendered his decision. In Philadelphia the other day a soccer official was attacked after the game.

The decision of the New York judge did not meet with the approval of some of the fans and the verdict of the soccer referee in awarding a penalty kick which won the match was considered unfair by a few of the onlookers. The spectators backed their opinions with criminal attacks.

These attacks on officials disgrace sports. The spectators cannot set standards of sportsmanship for the performers and then not live up to them themselves.

There is as much of a demand for fair play among the fans as there is among the athletes.

The officials may have erred in their decisions and it is the fans' privilege to disagree, but by no stretch of ethics could an attack on the arbiters be justified.

## HARMONY FIVE IN DEBUT

New Downtown Basketball Team Will Play Cathedral on Friday

Philadelphia's newest independent basketball team faces a hard test in its opening game on Friday when it stacks up against Charlie White's Cathedral aggregation at Machinists' Temple at Thirteenth and Spring Garden streets. Manager Lombardi expects great things from Harmony and the line-up is certainly a formidable one, with Lew Huggart and Jamison, forwards; Ted Hugg at center, Harry Brooks, captain, and Ed. Noctera guards.

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